

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct some typographical errors listed therein. The error in the numbering of R groups in the amendment to page 30 is apparent as its correction. The correction of the error at page 201 is readily apparent from the text at page 200, lines 16-23 and includes a further minor grammatical correction. The claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies listed therein. Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

**Conclusion**

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

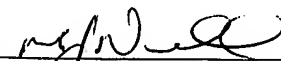
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623 ) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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